

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR COST SHARE PROGRAM CONTRACTS

~~In order to~~ satisfy ~~new~~ accountability measures for ~~the~~ cost share programs ~~adopted~~ by the General Assembly ~~in the Program Year 97 budget bill,~~ information is being requested on pre and post best management practice (BMP) implementation nitrogen and phosphorus loss.

~~This information was required of districts in the Tar-Pamlico and Neuse River Basins in PY 97. Effective PY 98, all districts are required to submit pre and post nitrogen and phosphorous loss on all ACSP contracts.~~

The following minimum resource concerns, where applicable, should be included with each contract: soil erosion (sheet and rill: RUSLE²), nitrate leaving root zone, nitrate leaving field and phosphorus leaving field. Other resource concerns may be included where applicable and feasible. ~~(See Section V for~~ Refer to the required conservation effects matrix for BMP specific requirements.

When reporting effects for cost share program contracts, accomplishments for all conservation practices (CSPs, EQIP, waste management systems, non-cost share, etc.) implemented in the conservation system should be reported. Any revision to a contract or conservation plan which changes the effects should be reported to the division.

~~Animal waste management BMPs (waste storage structures and waste application systems):~~

~~The data accounted for will be the amount of fresh manure, in nitrogen and phosphorus (P2O5) units generated and managed under an animal waste management system.~~

~~If BMPs that are not a part of the waste management system are included in a contract, the nitrogen and phosphorous accounting must be reported separately for each BMP system.~~